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PRODUCTIVITY OF RICE .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the per hectare yield of rice has declined since 2003;

(b) If so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) The reasons for the failure of Macro Management Scheme aimed at increasing the productivity of rice in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The per hectare production (yield) of rice for the years 2002-03 to 2005-06 is shown in the table below:

Year	Yield of Rice (Kg/Hectare)
2002-03	744
2003-04	2078
2004-05	1984
2005-06	2093

4th advance estimates

It may be seen from the above table that the yield of rice was fluctuating. It was low in 2002-03 and 2004-05. The year 2002-03 was drought affected and in the year 2004-05 rainfall was 13% less than the normal which reduced the yield.

(c): In order to increase productivity and production of rice under specific crop based system, Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice under the scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) is under implementation in the country since October 2000 as Centrally sponsored scheme. The fact that the all-India yield of rice had gone up from 1901 Kg./ Hectare in 2000-01 to 2078 Kg./ Hectare in 2003-04, and stands at 2093 Kg./ Hectare in 2005-06 indicates that the scheme has not failed and is showing favourable results.